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Bill Summary

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Overview

Charter schools generally lease their school buildings. A charter school is eligible for building lease aid not to exceed the lesser of \$1,200 per pupil or 90 percent of the lease cost. To limit conflicts of interest, the charter school law was amended to prohibit certain lease arrangements, including leasing the facility from a related party. The current interpretation of the law allows a charter school to lease a facility from a nonprofit, regardless of affiliation, but not from a school district.

This bill authorizes a charter school to lease a building from a school district, including a school district that authorizes (sponsors) that charter school.

Section

- 1 Related party lease costs.** Authorizes a charter school to lease a building from a school district, including a school district that authorizes that charter school. Qualifies these leases for charter school lease aid.